

CALIFORNIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

RADISSON HOTEL, SACRAMENTO
JANUARY 24, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Leo Garcia called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The following members were present: Leo Garcia, Max Turchen, Cedric Porter, and David Rowan. Absent were: Pat McGinn and Neil Struthers. A quorum was met.

II. REDEFINE THE COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Chairperson Garcia read the committee's purpose and was surprised that the committee has not been active. Since the committee has not met in eighteen years, he asked if the committee was still necessary. He stated that he does not recall the CAC having recommendations on safety orders to make any changes. If the group feels that this committee is still necessary, the committee needs to get involved to ensure that the apprentices are getting the safety they deserve. Commissioner Quick inquired if there were any safety issues coming from programs. Chief Rowan answered that DIR received data regarding industrial accidents. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined that the committee was necessary; consequently, Chairperson Garcia emphasized that it should be active in doing informational forums and setting guidelines in maintaining safety in the workplace for apprentices. In consultation with DIR, the committee should also publish trends on accidents happening in the workplace. This could be done by revising the OSHA 300, so a box can be checked if an apprentice has been injured and by sorting data acquired by DLSR and CalOSHA.

The following observations and suggestions were given:

1. 80% of accidents and injuries occur during the employee's first year on the job.
2. Smaller committees do not have access to safety programs; therefore, are more lenient when it comes to safety practices.
3. The committee should set a guideline as to the number of hours for safety training an apprentice should have before he/she can be allowed to work on the job.
4. Safety training is required before a program standard can be approved. CPR and First Aid training are a pre-requisite for program completion and should be renewed every two years. 30 hours of OSHA training is also required.

5. A representative from DOSH should come to this committee's meetings to foster a close working relationship.
6. Commissioner Callahan informed the group that his group looks for patterns within contractors, within types of work. They inform the company and the company tries to fix it.

Chairperson Garcia suggested that some guidelines should be made, if not through this committee if it continues, but through the input of every committee in terms of the need of apprentices and their coverage.

III. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH FORUM IN THE NEXT CAC

A plan for a forum on Occupational Safety & Health for the next CAC meeting will be discussed with the chairperson of the Forums Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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